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IN THE SPECIFICATION:

In reference to the previous amendment of the paragraph beginning on line 13 of page 13, and the new paragraph added thereafter, as presented by Applicant's Amendment filed on February 28, 2008, please amend the text thereof as follows:

--In the drawings is shown a preferred embodiment of an adhesive patch 1 for use for an ostomy appliance. The patch is able to adhere to the skin and includes a backing layer 2 and a layer of a skin-friendly adhesive for adhering to the skin. The patch has a pattern of indentations and includes a central first area 3 of a relatively high thickness and a central hole 4, a second area 5 surrounding the first area for attaching a collecting bag or a coupling device, and an edge third area 6 area surrounding the second area. As shown in Figure 1, the first area 3 is bounded by an outer border 20 which defines the extent of the first area 3 relative to the second area 5. Similarly, the third area 6 is bounded by an inner border 21 which defines the extent of the third area 6 relative to the second area 5. The outer boundary of the third area corresponds with the rim 22 of the patch. The first and third areas are provided with indentations 7 and 8, respectively, with the indentations 8 in the third area being in the form of a pattern of curvilinear indentations. As shown, the pattern of indentations in the first area, which includes radial indentations

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that intersect with and cross substantially concentric indentations encircling the hole 4, is different from the pattern of curvilinear indentations in the third area. This embodiment is further provided with radial zones 9 in the third area which have a thickness comparable with the thickness of the material in the bottom of the indentations in the third area. In addition, the backing layer 2 is provided with an ear 10 protruding from the rim 22 of the patch for an easy grip.

Figure 2 shows an ostomy appliance including a patch 1 with a collecting bag ~~24~~ 25 attached thereto.--